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Dear Mr. President:

A copy of a letter that you wrote to me dated May 3, 2014 has come to my attention. I apologize for the delay in responding, but your original letter has not reached me.

On behalf of the ARRL I acknowledge your statement of the official position of UARL with respect to DXCC awards credit for contacts with Crimea. To make sure there is no misunderstanding, please permit me to state the determination of the ARRL Awards Committee:

Upon request of the CEO, the ARRL Awards committee evaluated the situation at present in Crimea against the DXCC rules. As the interpreter of the rules, the following is the Awards Committee's decision on how to "count" QSOs with stations operating from Crimea.

Crimea is not a DXCC entity. Neither Russia nor Ukraine is a rare entity and the vast majority of confirmations used for DXCC credit for either entity do not involve Crimea.

DXCC Rule 4 reads:

"4. Confirmation data for two-way communications must include the call signs of both stations, the entity name as shown in the DXCC List, mode, date, time and band. Except as permitted in Rule 1, cross-mode contacts are not permitted for DXCC credits. Confirmations not containing all required information may be rejected."

A QSL with a call sign issued by the administration of Ukraine and showing the entity name as Ukraine counts as Ukraine.

A QSL with a call sign issued by the administration of Russia and showing the entity name as Russia counts as Russia.

A QSL that satisfies neither condition does not count for either entity.

We appreciate the high regard you have expressed for the DXCC program. However, the list of DXCC entities is simply for the purpose of giving radio amateurs a consistent way to compare

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